Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Community Handbook











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Introduction & Message to the Public

Streets play an important role in the livability, vitality and character of our City and neighborhoods. Streets serve a variety of functions which are important to our well being and livelihood. In addition to carrying daily traffic for citizens and visitors, the streets serve other functions including the following:

- Pedestrian and bicycle movement
- Emergency response routes
- Parking
- Location for utilities
- Delivery and service
- Storm water drainage
- Solid waste collection





Some of the most emotional concerns for Corona residents are traffic related issues on residential streets. A residential street, also called a local street, is the gateway to our homes. Some of the concerns raised by Corona residents include: noise, faded striping, missing signs, violation of posted speed limits and on-street parking impacts. A key to achieving a livable community is the need to address these traffic safety issues within residential neighborhoods and the rest of the community. Public Works along with the Corona Police Department collaborate routinely to address these concerns. This Neighborhood Traffic Management Program - Community Handbook will provide

you information about the tools and resources used to improve safety on our streets throughout the City of Corona.

We welcome your participation in the City's ongoing efforts to improve public safety. We urge you to become actively involved by



driving carefully, observe posted speed limits, watch for and yield to pedestrians in the roadway. Most important, respect all traffic laws and educate children about traffic and transportation safety. The need for seat belts, safely crossing

streets and bicycle safety are key elements for our children's future.



Please call us if you have any questions, requests or suggestions concerning traffic issues. Our telephone number is 951-736-2266 and our email address is Traffic.Eng@ci.corona.ca.us.

Dennis Ralls, MSCE

Public Works Program Manager

Philosophy & Goals

The information contained in this document aims to help City of Corona residents understand the process and tools utilized by Corona staff to address traffic issues. Definitions of traffic calming vary, but they all share the goal of reducing vehicle speeds, improving safety, and enhancing quality of life. Traffic calming measures, in the City of Corona, consist of education, enforcement and engineering to influence the behavior of drivers.

The Public Works Department - Traffic Engineering Division established its Neighborhood Traffic Management Program with several goals in mind:

- Stable residential neighborhood traffic requires an efficient
 - arterial and collector network of streets to minimize cut through in residential neighborhoods. The first line of defense against neighborhood traffic problems is an efficient arterial and collector system.



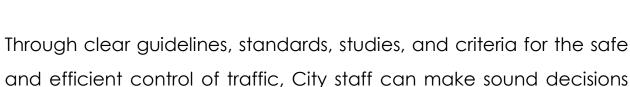
 Streets are a community resource. Denial of public access by closing streets is not an option for the City of Corona. It is not the goal of the City to modify traditional traffic patterns which will impact one neighborhood over another.

- Residents have a right to a safe and peaceful environment. They
 have the right to a fair share of law enforcement resources and
 protection when undesirable traffic conditions occur.
- Integrate education, enforcement, and engineering initiatives to encourage positive driver behavior City wide.
- Maintain capacity and facilitate traffic flow on the City's arterial and collector roadway network.
- Effectively implement neighborhood traffic management plans that will not affect emergency response time.

Traffic Engineering Guidelines & Resources

The City of Corona recommends traffic management measures that comply with local, state, and federal guidelines. The City of Corona will not implement a traffic measure that results in liability exposure to the City. Resources and manuals utilized by Public Works Traffic Engineering include:

- The California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA-MUTCD)
- The California Vehicle Code (CVC)
- City of Corona Standard Plans
- Caltrans Highway Design Manual (HDM)
- The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. (AASHTO)
- Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), Traffic Engineer Handbook
- Corona Municipal Code (CMC)



implementing appropriate traffic control devices throughout the City of Corona.







Beginning the Process

The process for addressing City of Corona traffic questions, issues, or neighborhood calming measures begins with a phone call. Some traffic concerns are simple enough that they may be addressed over the phone with



a Public Works Traffic Engineering staff. Listening to residents and identifying the problem is City staff's number one priority. Without residents calling and informing City staff about traffic issues, City staff may not know a problem exists.

There are some questions, comments, and concerns frequently raised by Corona residents. We will discuss the most common questions posed to Traffic Engineering staff and the steps and policies used to mitigate these concerns in the following sections.





Common Questions & City of Corona Policies

"What can be done to slow down the speeding occurring on our Street?"

This is one of the most common questions asked of the Public Works Traffic Engineering Department. The first step is collecting data and

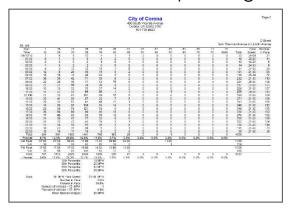


identifying if a problem exists on the segment of road. Traffic Engineering staff will conduct a speed profile to determine if speeding is occurring. A speed

profile consists of installing tubes on the road to measure speeds and count the number of vehicles. With this information, Traffic Engineering can determine if vehicles are speeding and at what time of the day this is occurring. In some cases, speeding is not actually occurring on the street and the resident is informed of these findings.

When the information analyzed determines that speeding is

occurring, the education and enforcement process begins. Traffic Engineering contacts the Police Department so we can work together and address the concerns.



Resources utilized by Traffic Engineering include Changeable

Message Signs (CMS) that consist of a changeable speed display, a radar speed detector and a posting of the speed limit. The speed control device encourages speed limit compliance and educates drivers of the posted speed limit through the segment of road. These devices are usually placed on the road for a week prior to police

enforcement. This device is:

- Easy to read
- Attracts driver's attention
- Cost-Effective
- Mobile and simple to deploy on short notice
- Does <u>not</u> issue automated speeding tickets

The data and information collected from the speed profile is forwarded to the Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Section who will further analyze the traffic patterns and dedicate officers to

enforce the applicable laws. By issuing citations, motorist will be re-educated about the posted speed through the neighborhood. Advantages of police presence include:



- Available on short notice
- Target motorist violators without affecting traffic
- Encourages compliance with speed regulations

Other tools Traffic Engineering utilizes are Electronic Driver Feedback (EDF) signs which help educate motorist of speeds along a segment of the road. EDF signs are mounted to a light pole for approximately 3 to 6 months and use radar to tell the driver how fast they are going. They also inform the driver of the speed limit of the road. These signs are reserved for segments of road which have recorded high speeds and have received numerous calls from concerned residents. These signs are most effective in critical areas such as school zones and high-use pedestrian areas. These devices do not issue automated speeding tickets.





With the tools provided by Traffic Engineering and continuing police enforcement, segments of roads become safer and motorist are continuously reminded of existing posted speed limits.

A permanent solution to speeding on major and collector streets in the City are striping modifications. One example of striping modifications used in Corona is called a "road diet" or road narrowing. A road diet involves adding striping which creates a buffer space between homes and vehicles traveling on a road. The buffer zone can be utilized as parking for residents or a bike lane for cyclist, in some cases both can be incorporated.

The travel lane for vehicles is narrowed down to 10 or 11 feet which



causes the motorist to slow down because of the narrowing effect. By creating this buffer space, home owners can exit their driveways by easing out into the street. As mentioned, these types of

modifications are reserved for major and collector streets, not residential/local streets.

Striping can also be used as a channelizing device to guide motorist around a bend. A bend on the road can be a bit confusing without striping. On some occasions, motorist will turn fast around a corner

causing a close call with traffic driving in the opposite direction. Striping the bend with a yellow line guides and slows down vehicles. This creates a safer situation for motorist around sharp bends on the road. When warranted



and approved by the City Traffic Engineer, raised pavement markers (RPM)'s, also known as a "bot dots", will be added to the striping to assist motorist in staying in their lane.

"Why doesn't the City install speed bumps to slow down the speeders?"



Speed bumps or speed humps per the California Vehicle Code, section 440, are not recognized as "official traffic control devices." An "official traffic control device" is any sign, signal, marking or device for

regulating, warning, or guiding traffic. The City of Corona does not allow or approve speed bumps or humps in the public right-of-way. A speed bump/hump creates a disruption of movement to emergency, service, and delivery vehicles. The Corona Police and Fire

departments strongly oppose such devices because they impact emergency response time. When minutes and seconds count to save lives, these devices deter and interfere with precious time. Heavy fire trucks cannot safely regain



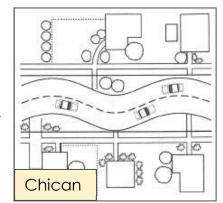
cruising speed between bumps/humps while attempting to reach a destination. The City of Corona will not implement a traffic road block that will create liability for the City.

Some speed bumps/humps do exist within the City of Corona, but belong to private communities or home owner associations who maintain and own the streets. They understand the consequences and impacts to emergency response time and accept all liability.

"Why doesn't the City install physical barriers along a residential street to slow down the speeders?"

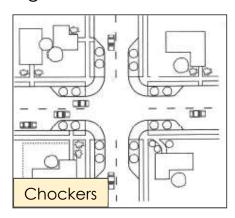
Physical barriers such chicanes, chokers, and roundabouts are types

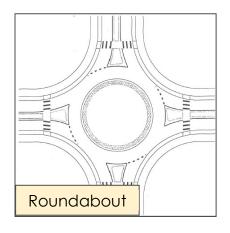
of modifications to streets which can prove to be costly to implement. Installing these types of barriers along existing streets is expensive and can create problems for neighborhoods. Installing chicanes and chokers in an existing street would require



removal of on-street parking and can negatively impact drainage. Installing a poorly designed and constructed roundabout can affect delivery, waste collection, and fire trucks to maneuver through this barrier. To install a proper roundabout, acquisition of property would need to take place. This step is one the City tries to avoid.

In most cases, these devices are beneficial to a community if they are properly planned and designed prior to a construction of new neighborhoods within a City.

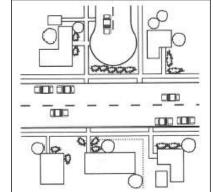




"What needs to occur for the City to allow a full closure of a street so we can eliminate all traffic in a neighborhood?"

As mentioned in the Philosophy and Goals section, denial of public

access by closing streets is not an option for the City of Corona. It is not the goal of the City to modify existing streets and redistribute problems to other neighborhoods. Some people may think closing a street will solve all speeding problems, but they may not realize



the big picture. The biggest impact of a street closure would directly affect the residents living in the neighborhood.

The Police and Fire departments would need to find alternative and longer routes to reach residents in need. The City of Corona has master planned and strategically placed fire stations throughout the City to respond to emergencies. Each fire station has a timed route to reach residence in a specific region of the City. Removing a single street connection will add time and modify existing routes. When precious minutes and seconds count, a reroute of emergency response vehicles can make the difference between life and death. Closing a street connection and adding to Fire and Police response time is something the City does not want to jeopardize for residents.

"Why doesn't the City install Stop Signs to slow down the speeders?"

A stop sign is one of the most valuable and effective traffic control devices when used at the right place and under the right conditions. It is intended to help drivers and pedestrians at an intersection to decide who has the right-of-way.

Guidance provided by the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA-MUTCD) states, "STOP signs should not be used



for speed control." Newly installed Stop signs in the City of Corona follow state guidelines prior to installation. Engineering studies, which are based on State and City Standards, are performed by Traffic Engineering to

determine if a STOP sign is allowable at a location. Once a study has been performed and an intersection warrants an installation, engineering judgment is then taken into consideration. The City Traffic Engineer will make the final decision prior to installing a new Stop sign at an intersection.

A STOP sign used where it is not appropriate can result in disrespect by motorist for that location. This misuse might result in disregard at those locations where the STOP sign is needed and appropriate. The City of Corona understands the importance of STOP signs and follows CA-MUTCD warrants along with applying engineering judgment to make

the correct decision when installing these important traffic control devices.

"Why doesn't the City install Children at Play Signs?"

A frequent neighborhood request concerns the posting of warning signs with "Slow Children at Play". These requests are based on a widespread belief that traffic signs will provide protection for the safety of children in the street near their home.

State and Federal standards do not recognize the use of "Slow Children at Play" signs and discourage their use.

Specific warnings for schools, playgrounds, parks, and other recreational facilities are available for use where

clearly justified. A residential street is not the best location where children should be playing. This creates the potential for vehicles and children to come in contact. This sign has been rejected by the City



of Corona since it is a direct and open suggestion that children should play in the street.

"Why doesn't the City post the speed limit in my residential neighborhood?"

These fixed, static speed signs are intended to remind drivers about the posted speed limits. As stated in the California Vehicle Code (CVC), section 22352(2)(A), all residential streets have a speed limit of 25 MPH unless otherwise posted. The

City of Corona and other agencies are not required to post the speed limit on these streets to enable enforcement on them. This basic rule, know as prima-facie speed, is consistent throughout the nation.

In some rare cases, where road conditions and engineering judgment deems these signs necessary, the City Traffic Engineer may allow the placement of Speed Limit Signs on Residential streets.



"How are Speed Limits set in the City?"

All local agencies are required to perform a speed survey in

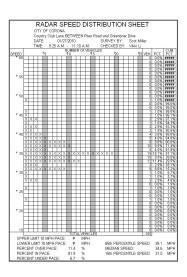


accordance with the California Vehicle Code (CVC) and the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA-MUTCD). A speed survey consists of random vehicle speeds, as measured by a radar gun, totaling 100 vehicles

combined in each direction on any given roadway segment. These measurements must be taken when traffic is flowing freely in fair weather with no unusual conditions present. This means motorists set the speed limits for segments of road. This survey occurs on all City streets except residential/local streets which meet the 25 MPH primafacie speed.

The speed limit for any segment of road is set at the nearest 5 mph

increment of the 85th percentile speed of the speed survey. The 85th percentile speed is that speed at which 85% of the vehicles are traveling at or below. An 85th percentile speed of 41.5 on a speed survey would establish a speed limit of 40 mph. An 85th percentile speed of 43.8 on a speed survey would establish a speed limit of 45 mph. An additional reduction of 5 mph may be

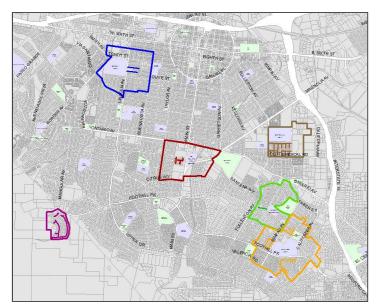


taken if the City Traffic Engineer determines it is warranted to meet traffic safety needs of the community. After the speed limit is adopted by City Council and appropriate signs installed, the police department can legally enforce the posted speed limits with the use of radar. If no physical changes occur on the roadway, the speed survey is considered valid for a period of 7 years and can be extended up to 10 years if conditions remain constant. The road survey process is repeated every 7-10 years for all City streets except residential/local streets which meet the 25 MPH prima-facie speed.

"I live near a high school and the kids keep taking up all parking spaces in the neighborhood. What can be done about this?"

Preferential Permit Parking (PPP) is a City program that allows residents of qualified neighborhoods in a PPP zone to obtain special permits that exempt them and their guests from certain on-street parking time limits or prohibitions in their approved zone. This type of parking restriction involves prohibiting parking during specified periods by vehicles without permits. The duration is typically during school operating hours.

Prior to any PPP zone consideration, a Preferential Parking District must be established by Council resolution. Currently, six Preferential Parking Districts already exist. Four of the districts surround the high schools in the City, with one district next to an elementary school, and one near



Corona's popular Skyline Trail. When a Preferential **Parking** District is not the established. Public Department Works will proceed with a recommendation for Council consideration if the need is necessary. The City

Traffic Engineer and staff will study the proposed area to see if warrants are met to establish a new zone. A monetary deposit may

be required by the Traffic Engineer by the residents to cover staff costs when creating new PPP Districts and Zones.

With a Preferential Parking District in place, the PPP process may move forward.

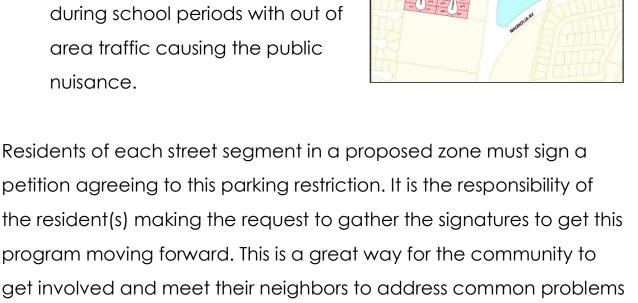
The proposed zone must meet the following requirements prior to the installation of signs:

The proposed zone must be located within a Preferential Parking District.

67% of residents on each street segment must approve the

program.

80% of on-street parking spaces in the zone must be occupied during school periods with out of area traffic causing the public nuisance.



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program moving forward. This is a great way for the community to get involved and meet their neighbors to address common problems for the neighborhood. Once petitions have been collected, Traffic Engineering staff reviews the zone eligibility and may conduct a meeting with proponents to establish permit parameters and constraints. Staff distributes notifications to all properties within a 500foot radius of the area. If no protests are received during the 30-day notification period, the process continues. The petition is forwarded

to the Police Department and Infrastructure
Committee for review and coordination.
Once the request is approved, parking signs
are posted, and each household is issued one
free permit intended for use by guests.
Additional permits can be purchased upon
request from the Public Works Permit Counter.
If a protest occurs during the process, a



second informal meeting is held with opposition and proponents. If a common resolution is not agreed upon, the program will terminate.

A proof of residency and registration for each owned vehicle will be



required for issuance of permits. Other form of proof is required for company vehicles; such as a letter from the company. Permits will be issued as stickers. They may be affixed on the lower left corner of the windshield or hung from the

rearview mirror, facing forward. Temporary permits, for guests and special occasions are issued for free upon request and must be placed on the dashboard with the printed side facing up.

Two weeks after signs have been posted and residents could purchase all the necessary permits, the Police Department will begin enforcing the PPP zone.

"Will the City paint the curb red in front of fire hydrants and mail boxes?"

The subject of parking next to fire hydrants is addressed in the California Vehicle Code (CVC), Section 22514, which states, "No person shall stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle within 15 feet of a fire hydrant..."

Since the CVC already states that it is illegal to park within 15 feet of

a fire hydrant, whether there are signs or red curb, the City typically does not designate the area in front of a fire hydrant as a no-parking zone. If there is a pattern of repeated violations by motorists parking next to fire hydrants, it



can be addressed by increased enforcement by the Corona Police Department.

The City of Corona does not designate the area in front of a mail box as a no-parking zone. It is the responsibility of the United States Postal

Service to deliver the package or mail to the appropriate owner. In some extreme cases, the Traffic Engineer may paint the curb area in front of a mail box white designating the area as short-term parking to allow for mail

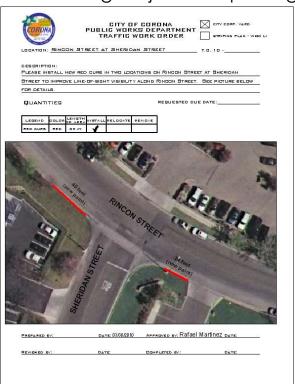


pickup. Contact your local postmaster if you are having trouble receiving mail.

"I am having difficulty seeing the oncoming traffic at a particular intersection. How can the City help?"

Traffic Engineering staff will conduct a field study in the area adjacent to an intersection where there is a visibility concern to determine whether or not sight distance standards are met. As part of the study, staff checks collision history for the intersection to determine collision patterns. Unusual street geometry, obstructing objects or parking

overflow may be some of the for concern. the reasons intersection not does meet minimum line-of-sight standards and the City Traffic Engineer approves mitigation, the City will restrictions implement or improvements. These restrictions usually involve installation of "No Parking" signs, red curb where approved or removal of trees or



obstructions if necessary. When red curb is installed near an intersection, consideration is also given to the preservation of adjacent parking spaces.

In all cases, please exercise caution when leaving private property or a side street. Move forward, thus gaining more visibility to exit the driveway or side street in a safe manner.

"How does the City determine installation of different colored curb?"

Curb markings serve a variety of purposes in the City of Corona and other cities. Red curb indicates no stopping, standing or parking at

any time, whether the vehicle is attended or unattended. Red curb is typically found at bus stops, near schools, or fire lanes where parking is prohibited to keep motorist from creating a burden. The City Traffic Engineer



will determine the final location and length for the installation of red curb.

Yellow curb indicates stopping only for the purpose of loading or unloading passengers or material. The City Traffic Engineer is the

authority in determining the location of loading zones. Per the Corona Municipal Code 10.24.110, a loading zone is for 20 minutes. Yellow curb is typically found near schools or businesses that experience a



high volume of deliveries throughout a day. Yellow curb requests will be denied in all residential areas because residential areas do not require restricted parking for vehicles. Green curb markings indicate no stopping or parking for a period

longer than what is posted.

Locations are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and approved by the City Traffic Engineer. Traffic Engineering staff will work closely with establishments where transactions are short-term in



nature to assure accommodations are made for all businesses and motorist affected by this type of request. Green curbs on public streets are for public use and are not reserved parking for people or businesses. Green zone requests will be denied in all residential areas.

White curb markings are typically installed adjacent to community mail box locations where frequent public parking can cause the mail

boxes to remain blocked most the day restricting access to community residents. Locations are review on a case by case basis and a determination is made by the City Traffic Engineer as to when white curb markings are necessary. White curb on



public streets are for public use but limits the user to short term parking

duration typically 5 to 10 minutes and are not reserved parking for the community.

"My child crosses a busy street to get to and from school. How does the City assign a crossing guard to an intersection?"

The California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA-MUTCD) provides guidelines and recommendations for warranting a crossing

guard near a school intersection. Important statistics include the number of children and vehicles during school peak hours, roadway characteristics, the age of the children and collision history. Traffic Engineering staff will conduct a statistical and field survey to make sure a crossing guard is warranted at a school crosswalk.



If the analysis conducted meets State and City warrants and is approved by the City Traffic Engineer, City staff will coordinate with the Corona-Norco Unified School District and Corona Police to

implement the crossing guard at the warranted intersection.



"I cross an intersection without crosswalks. Can the City install a marked crosswalk or beacon flashers?"

Per the California Vehicle Code (CVC), section 21950, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk at an intersection. This, however, does not relieve a pedestrian from the duty of using due care for his or her safety. No pedestrian may suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle that is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard.

Intersection crosswalks are typically installed at signalized intersections, near schools, hospitals, place of worship or commercial business areas with high volume of pedestrians. Marked crosswalks should be viewed as channelization devices rather than safety devices. Before installation of any crosswalk is considered, a study of the intersection or segment of road is performed to see if the crosswalk

is warranted. Based on collision history, number of pedestrians, the surrounding area, and engineering judgment a final decision will be made by the City Traffic Engineer.



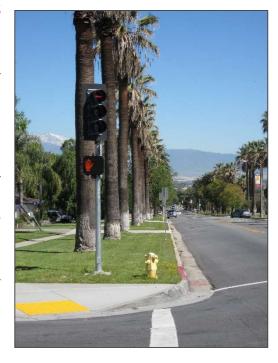
Installation of in-pavement or beacon flashers are reserved for school sites, or areas with extreme pedestrian traffic. Due to the high cost of these two devices, funding sources are usually acquired through State or Federal grants. In some cases, the facility creating the pedestrian traffic will pay for the installation.

Marked crosswalks are not force fields that will protect an individual. Please look both ways, make eye-contact with the motorist and proceed with caution when crossing any road.

"How does the City choose the location for an installation of a Traffic Signal?"

First, an engineering study of the intersection <u>must</u> be performed. Traffic Engineering looks at things such as traffic volumes, pedestrian volumes, posted speed, collision history, road alignment, and visibility. To install a traffic signal, the intersection must meet California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA-MUTCD) warrants. If warrants

are met, engineering judgment is considered to make sure the proposed traffic signal improves the overall safety and operation of the intersection. If the intersection does warrant a traffic signal and is approved by the City Traffic Engineer, it will be installed as soon as funding permits. The cost for a typical signalized intersection starts at \$250,000 and could be more than \$500,000.



Traffic Engineering's investigation may provide alternate solutions if the study does not warrant the installation of a traffic signal. An alternative solution to a signal can be an all-way stop or signing and striping modifications at an intersection. This utilizes tax dollars most efficiently and can usually be acted upon more quickly.

"What can be done to improve the safety and efficiency in front of a school when parents are picking up and dropping off children?"

Parking in front of most schools can be chaotic during school pick-up



and drop-off. Traffic Engineering staff works closely with the Corona-Norco Unified School District and Corona Traffic Police to address the concerns brought up by school officials and parents. All three entities work in

partnership to improve the area through engineering, education, and enforcement.

Traffic Engineering staff along with Corona Traffic Police conduct site

visits during school peak hours to determine the best way to improve the situation at the school. In most cases parking restrictions, movement restrictions, and striping modifications are typical



solutions at school sites. Once these modifications have been incorporated, Traffic Engineering and Police will monitor and enforce the improvements as required.

Traffic Engineering's message to parents is to proceed with caution and obey the 25 MPH speed law around school sites when children are present. Please take the time to educate your children about making eye-contact with motorist and being aware of their surroundings.

"Can the City install Street Sweeping Signs in my Neighborhood to move neighbor's cars during street sweeping days?"

The City of Corona has a master plan program to install No Parking signs during street sweeping day. Unfortunately, this program has

been put on hold until funding is available to incorporate it City wide. In the mean time, residents may request installation of No Parking signs on street sweeping days, but must go through a petition process to incorporate the signs. Similar to Preferential Permit



Parking (PPP), the residents making the request accept responsibility to initiate the program in their neighborhood. Traffic Engineering does not collect signatures because the City of Corona wants to ensure cooperation with each member of the neighborhood.

Unlike Preferential Permit Parking, the residents making the request must obtain 100% approval from the community before street



sweeping signs can be implemented. Because sweeping occurs every other week, restricting parking to odd weeks or even weeks is confusing for out-of-town visitors. Thus, parking restrictions for street sweeping purposes are applied weekly. Residents must understand that because of this, enforcement of the parking restrictions can occur even on non-street sweeping days. For this reason,

the City requires that all residents along a road segment agree to the restrictions before the City will continue the process. If the signatures

are collected and the neighborhood agrees with the request, Traffic Engineering will move forward with installing the proper signs in the neighborhood. Prior to installing the signs, the neighborhood will be notified on the installation date. In areas with high demand on-street parking, Traffic Engineering may recommend alternate side time restrictions to accommodate the neighborhoods needs.

Once the signs are installed and the residents have been notified, the Police Department will typically allow a 2-week grace period prior to enforcing the parking restriction.

"Someone in our neighborhood has left a basketball hoop on the street creating parking restrictions. What can be done about this?"

If a basketball hoop is in the public right-of-way, it becomes a safety hazard and is in violation of the City of Corona Municipal Code

10.56.050 & 10.56.060. The City's Code Enforcement Office should be notified of the safety concern. Code Enforcement Officers will then review the basketball hoop and take progressive action until the resident removes the basketball hope or has it removed by City forces. Residents may contact the Code Enforcement Office at (951) 279-3549 or visit the City's website at http://CoronaCA.gov and may submit an online request.



"Can I paint the curb and install my own traffic signs on my street?"

Traffic signs and markings must only be placed on public streets only by public authorities or officials having jurisdiction, for the purpose of regulating, warning, or guiding traffic as stated in the California

Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA-MUTCD). The City installs curb paint or other traffic signs and markings after careful examination for their needs and impact on City streets. All signs or curb markings in the public right-of-way must be installed by the City or with the City's approval. If



these signs are not installed by the City or with City approval, they are illegal and cannot be enforced.

Furthermore, such actions by an individual present an unnecessary liability in case an accident occurs in the area where these signs or curb markings have been installed illegally and the City cannot provide records to justify the need for these signs/markings. The CA-MUTCD also states that any unauthorized sign placed on the highway right-of-way by a private organization or individual constitutes a public nuisance and should be removed immediately. The City of Corona may take appropriate action to remove these unwarranted devices at the expense of the individual(s) who installed them.

"Our Homeowner's Association (HOA) would like for the Corona Police Department to regularly patrol our private streets. What does the HOA need to do to make this happen?"



Before the Corona Police Department may begin patrolling privately owned streets, City of Corona staff will survey the community to make sure all signs and curb paintings meet State and City standards. One

example, if the HOA has posted speed limit signs less than 25 MPH, the signs must be updated to reflect true residential speed limits. The HOA will need to pay for the cost of upgrading the necessary signs to meet height requirements, standards, and uniformity. If the Board of Directors has available funds to upgrade existing facilities, they may move forward with the process.

The Board of Directors for the HOA must now prepare a resolution stating the majority of the homeowners have voted and agree upon having Corona PD patrol the private streets to enforce all California Vehicle Code (CVC) and Corona Municipal Codes (CMC). Once this resolution has been adopted by the HOA, the City of Corona along with the Corona Police Department may begin the City Resolution process. Corona City Council will hold a public hearing to allow owners in the development to voice any concerns with the HOA. The City of Corona may adopt a resolution after the public hearing which will make the HOA subject to the laws and regulations of the CVC and the CMC.

The final item the HOA will need to implement is the installation of signs at all entrances of the private community. The signs must state that the CVC and CMC are enforced on the private streets.

Traffic Engineering Maintenance and Operations

You, the resident, are an important part of maintaining our City to look

beautiful and safe. When driving around Corona, please keep an eye out for:

- Damaged or vandalized signs
- Missing signs
- Faded striping or curb paint
- Malfunctioning traffic signal equipment
- Overgrown trees covering signs or signals



The City of Corona employs staff to correct these types of concerns promptly. If you see anything out of the ordinary, please do not

hesitate to contact us at (951) 736-2266.





Traffic Management Center

The City of Corona utilizes an Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) to monitor traffic throughout the City and adjust the operation

of traffic signal intersections as necessary from the Traffic Management Center (TMC). The TMC is an important tool that assists in alleviating the congestion on Corona streets. From the TMC, Traffic Engineering staff can monitor



traffic on local streets or freeways and adjust timing of specific traffic signals as necessary. The TMC allows staff the opportunity to synchronize traffic signals along major corridors during morning and evening rush hour. With coordinated traffic signals, motorists travel times are reduced when driving through Corona. The TMC is located at City Hall on the 2nd floor in the Public Works section if you would like to visit.

Information is received, decisions are made, and actions can be taken immediately. From the TMC, motorists can be warned of an incident, construction on the road, or a detour of traffic via electronic



message signs placed throughout the City. Whatever the situation, the TMC provides fast, intelligent and coordinated responses.